

Remarks/Arguments:

By this amendment, Applicants have cancelled claims 9-12 and 24 and amended claims 13-15, 18, 20-23, 25, 27-29, and 37.

Objection to Specification

The Abstract is objected to because it contains more than 150 words. Applicant have amended the abstract to overcome the basis for this objection.

Double Patenting

Claims 9-12 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 as claiming the same invention as that of claims 1, 4, 2, and 3 of U.S. Patent No. 6,233,562. And claim 24 stands rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claim 1 of U.S. Patent No. 6,233,562.

Applicants respectfully submit that these rejections are moot in view of Applicants canceling claims 9-12 and 24.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the Examiner's finding that claims 13-23 and 25-35 include allowable subject matter if rewritten in independent form including the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In this connection, Applicants have amended these claims so that they include the limitations of any base claim and any intervening claims. Thus it is Applicants' position that claims 13-23 and 25-37 are in condition for allowance.

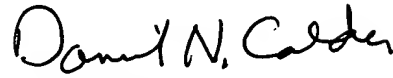
In view of the foregoing remarks and amendments, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 13-23 and 25-37 are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and

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allowance of all pending claims are respectfully requested.

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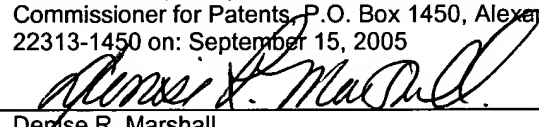
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